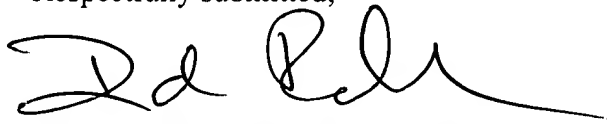


REMARKS

With the present amendment, the specification has been amended to update the related applications information, to incorporate the sequence listing, to insert sequence identifiers, and to correct a typographical error in certain sequence formulae. No new matter enters by way of the present amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the present amendment be entered, and request prompt examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is for David R. Marsh and is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and 'M'. The second signature, on the right, is for Milan M. Vinnola and is also in cursive, with a large 'M' and 'V'.

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